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1. Foot and ankle control device comprising:

an ankle cuff strap having two ends;

means for connecting the two ends of the ankle cuff strap together after positioning the ankle cuff strap to encircle a leg of a wearer immediately above an ankle of the wearer;

a foot support strap having a medial "D"-ring attached to the support strap and a lateral "D"-ring attached to the support strap in spaced apart relation with the medial "D"-ring;

the medial "D"-ring positioned at the medial side of the ankle and the lateral "D"-ring positioned at the lateral side of the ankle;

the foot support strap positioned underneath the wearer's foot adjacent the in-step of the foot;

a connecting strap positioned to lie over the arch of the foot and working in cooperation with the foot support strap to secure the lateral "D"-ring on the lateral side of the ankle and the medial "D"-ring on the medial side of the ankle;

an elastic lateral control strap having a first and second ends;

means for connecting the first end of the lateral control strap to the lateral "D"-ring;

means for attaching the second end of the lateral control strap to the ankle cuff strap;

an elastic medial control strap having first and second ends;

means for connecting the first end of the medial control strap to the medial "D"-ring; and

means for connecting the second end of the medial control strap to the ankle cuff strap.

2. The foot and ankle control device according to claim 1 wherein the elastic lateral control strap is positioned to extend from the lateral "D"-ring across the top of the wearer's arch to the medial side of the wearer's leg and the elastic medial control strap is positioned to extend from the medial "D"-ring across the top of the wearer's arch to the lateral side of the wearer's leg.

3. The foot and ankle control device according to claim 1 wherein the means for connecting the two ends of the ankle cuff strap together comprises a hook material and a complimentary loop material.

4. The foot and ankle control device according to claim 1 wherein the means for connecting the lateral control strap to the ankle cuff strap comprises a hook material and a complimentary loop material and wherein the means for connecting the medial control strap to the ankle cuff strap comprises a hook material and a complimentary loop material.

5. Foot and ankle control device comprising:

an ankle cuff strap having two ends;

means for connecting the two ends of the ankle cuff strap together after positioning the ankle strap to encircle a leg of a wearer immediately above an ankle of the wearer;

a foot support strap having first and second ends with a "D"-ring attached to one side of the support strap adjacent the first end and a second "D"-ring attached to the same side of the support strap adjacent the second end;

the foot support strap positioned underneath the wearer's foot adjacent the instep of the foot with the "D"-rings facing outwardly and with one of the "D"-rings positioned at the medial side of the ankle and the other "D"-ring positioned at the lateral side of the ankle;

a connecting strap positioned to lie over the arch of the foot and working in cooperation with the foot support strap to secure the lateral "D"-ring on the lateral side of the ankle and the medial "D"-ring on the medial side of the ankle;

an elastic lateral control strap having first and second ends;

means for connecting the first end of the lateral control strap to the lateral "D"-ring;

means for attaching the second end of the lateral control strap to the ankle cuff strap;

an elastic medial control strap having first and second ends;

means for connecting the first end of the medial control strap to the medial "D"-ring; and

means for connecting the second end of the medial control strap to the ankle cuff strap.

6. The foot and ankle control device according to claim 5 wherein the elastic lateral control strap is positioned to extend from the lateral "D"-ring across the top of the wearer's arch to the medial side of the wearer's leg and the elastic medial control strap is positioned to extend from the medial "D"-ring across the top of the wearer's arch to the lateral side of the wearer's leg.

7. The foot and ankle control device according to claim 5 wherein the means for connecting the two ends of the ankle cuff strap together comprises a hook material and a complimentary loop material.

8. The foot and ankle control device according to claim 5 wherein the means for connecting the two ends of the foot support strap together comprises a hook material and a complimentary loop material.

9. The foot and ankle control device according to claim 5 wherein the means for connecting the lateral control strap to the ankle cuff strap comprises a hook material and a complimentary

loop material and wherein the means for connecting the medial control strap to the ankle cuff strap comprises a hook material and a complimentary loop material.